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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Advanced Methods To Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls*, CG Docket No. 17-59

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 17, 2018, the undersigned, along with Beth Choroser from Comcast Corporation (“Comcast”), met with Zenji Nakazawa from the Office of Chairman Pai and with Jamie Susskind from the Office of Commissioner Carr regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

At the meeting, we reiterated Comcast’s strong support for the proposals in the recent Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this docket to establish a centralized, comprehensive, Commission-designated database of reassigned telephone numbers, and to encourage use of this resource by adopting an appropriately tailored safe harbor from liability under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (“TCPA”) for entities that reasonably rely on the database. We emphasized that, as explained in Comcast’s comments and reply comments, the Commission could take various steps to implement this solution in a manner that minimizes costs for the voice providers feeding information into the database and for callers seeking to access the database.¹ We also noted the substantial and lasting benefits that such an approach would bring; in addition to eliminating unwarranted TCPA liability for entities making a good faith effort to comply with the statute, a comprehensive database backed by a safe harbor would dramatically drive down the number of unwanted communications received by consumers and reduce the wasted time and effort that businesses spend on mistakenly calling or texting reassigned numbers.² Given the absence of truly comprehensive and cost-effective tools for tracking number reassignments in the marketplace today, we urged the Commission to move expeditiously towards an order adopting these proposed measures.

¹ See Comments of Comcast Corp., CG Docket No. 17-59, at 1-2, 8-14 (filed Jun. 7, 2018) (“Comcast Comments”); Reply Comments of Comcast Corp. CG Docket No. 17-59, at 7-10 (filed Jul. 9, 2018) (“Comcast Reply Comments”).

² See Comcast Comments at 5-8; Comcast Reply Comments at 10-12.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b), this *ex parte* notification is being filed for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceedings. Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding these issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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